

**Comment Sets C.142 through C.155, Form letter submitted by the following persons:**

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- C.143 Albert Choy
- C.144 Richard and Faye Heinrich
- C.145 Mike and Kristine Jervis
- C.146 Glenn A. Johnson
- C.147 Beatrice and Joseph Kahananui
- C.148 Mike and Carolyn Lush
- C.149 Helen and Molly McElhattan
- C.150 Sally and Louie Pontrelli
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- C.152 David and Nadene Shubin
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Re: Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)/ Impact Statement (IS):  
Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project

Dear Mr. Boccio:

This is to provide comments related to the visual impact of the proposed relocation of the electrical lines, between S8A MP6 and S8A MP7, along the ridge line, adjacent to the Rose Hills Cemetery property.

As evident in your Visual Analysis Report, Figures 3.14-42a and 3.14-42b, the proposed relocation of the existing transmission line to the top of the ridge line will have a significant negative visual impact to not only communities located to the west of the site, but also from many communities east of the property, including Hacienda Heights, La Puente, Rowland Heights, etc. Currently, the communities located east of the property have no view of these transmission lines along this segment in their current location.

As you can see in the above figures, the existing lines located lower on the hill have much less visual impact from the west since the wires and towers are blocked by the back drop of the hills. This will not be the case if Southern California Edison (SCE) is allowed to relocate the transmission lines to the top of the ridge line as the existing hills will no longer screen these structures.

SCE needs to be aware of the sensitivity of relocating the towers to the top of the ridge line as it will have a major negative visual impact to the surrounding communities and reframe from relocating these lines from their current location. If the lines must be replaced, please maintain the shorter route that exists at this time.

Sincerely

### **Response to Comment Sets C.142 through C.155:**

- C.142-1 The Draft EIR/EIS also concludes that the proposed taller towers would result in a substantially adverse impact on views (see Draft EIR/EIS Section 3.14.6.1). The proposed towers would be more visible than the existing towers that they would replace in Segment 8A. As stated, the proposed towers would be visible from locations where the existing towers are currently not visible. Thank you for expressing your concerns regarding the visual impacts of the Project. Your comments will be shared with federal decision-makers who are reviewing the Project.
- C.142-2 Thank you for expressing your concerns regarding the visual impacts of the Project. Section 3.14 of the Draft EIR/EIS provides full disclosure of the visual effects and impacts associated with the Project. Your comments will be shared with federal decision-makers who are reviewing the Project.
- C.142-3 The Draft EIR/EIS describes the adverse visual impacts of the proposed Project (see Draft EIR/EIS Section 3.14.6.1) and concludes that these impacts would be substantially adverse. For clarification, the proposed transmission line would be located along the same route as the existing transmission line in Segment 8A with the exception of a short segment between the Puente Hills Landfill and Rose Hills Memorial Park and at Fullerton Road, where some relocation of towers is proposed. Thank you for expressing your concerns and opinions regarding the visual impacts of the Project. Your comments will be shared with federal decision-makers who are reviewing the Project.